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Monthly Progress Report

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SUMMARY

This is the seventeenth monthly progress report. Four significant events occurred this month.

Interim Report (Task 7). The Phase I Interim Report and Phase II Proposal was delivered to USEPA on schedule (11/19/91). As agreed with the USEPA, additional details about the proposal for future physical and release characterizations of the Pawtuxet River will be submitted in January 1992 as an Addendum to the Phase II Proposal. [See Section 6.2.]

Project Management (Task 9). A meeting with CIBA-GEIGY, Woodward-Clyde, and HydroQual personnel was held at Woodward-Clyde offices in Wayne, NJ on 11/20/91 to plan strategies for completing the proposal for the Pawtuxet River characterization. A meeting with CIBA-GEIGY, Woodward-Clyde, International Technology, and Versar personnel was held at Woodward-Clyde offices in Wayne, NJ on 11/22/91 to plan data management activities and procedures for Phase II.

Water Level Monitoring. Monthly groundwater level monitoring continued.

Round 3 Groundwater Analyses. Validation of Round 3 groundwater samples began.

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^{*}As agreed, the reporting period will be monthly through the fourth Friday of the month.

2.0 TASKS AND ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

The sampling and other activities (subtasks) that were completed are reported here.

2.1 Sampling Activities Completed

No sampling activities were conducted during this reporting period.

2.2 Other Activities Completed

The other activities (subtasks) completed during this reporting period were described in Section 1.0.

3.0 JEOPARDY TASKS (scheduled tasks not completed)

No tasks were in jeopardy as of 22 November 1991.

4.0 OTHER TASKS UNDERWAY (and on schedule)

The tasks that were underway (and on schedule as of 22 November 1991) were described in Section 1.0.

5.0 DATA OBTAINED

Groundwater level data have been obtained but have not yet been peer reviewed. Round 3 groundwater analytical data will be reported after they have been validated and loaded into the project data base.

6.0 PROBLEM AREAS

The resolved, new, potential (i.e., anticipated or possible), and outstanding (i.e., still unresolved) problem areas are reported here.

6.1 Resolved Problem Areas

No problem areas remained to be resolved during this reporting period.

6.2 New Problem Area

One new problem area was identified during this reporting period.

Details about the Proposal for Future Characterization of the Pawtuxet River Delayed

Review of the Problem. Various technical reviewers urged significantly different strategies for filling the data gaps identified in the Phase I physical and release characterizations of the Pawtuxet River. These differing strategies could not be resolved completely before submitting the Phase II Proposal. As a result, some details about the strategies and activities for future characterization of the river were not presented in the Phase II Proposal.

Resolution. As agreed with the USEPA, the Phase II Proposal submitted 11/19/91 presented a limited scope of work for future characterization of the river; additional details about the proposal for future characterization of the Pawtuxet River will be submitted in January 1992 as an Addendum to the Phase II Proposal.

6.3 Potential Problem Areas

No potential problem areas were identified during this reporting period.

6.4 Outstanding Problem Areas

No problem areas remained unresolved during this reporting period.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF TASKS (next two months)

The projected schedule is provided here. It covers the tasks to be performed in the next two months (December 1991 and January 1992), along with other comments or considerations.

Target			
Date	Task#	Task	Comments/Considerations
1/31/92	7	Phase II Proposal (River Addendum)	The Phase II Proposal was submitted on schedule (11/19/91).
ongoing	9	Project Management	•
ongoing	10	Data Management	
ongoing	11	Project Administration	
ongoing	12	Quality Assurance	
ongoing	13	Health & Safety Assurance	

8.0 CHANGES IN WORK PLAN

No changes were made to the Work Plan during this reporting period.

9.0 OTHER COMMENTS

The plans going forward into December and January include:

- validation and reduction of the Round 3 groundwater analytical data,
- development and submission of the River Addendum to the Phase II Proposal, and
- additional planning for future investigations.